



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2585**

Hiroyuki YAMAOKA et al. : Docket No. 2004_0007

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SILICON CARBIDE FIBER HAVING
BORON NITRIDE LAYER IN FIBER
SURFACE AND PROCESS FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the present application as follows: